REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Consideration of the captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and

following remarks is requested.

The Specification has been amended to refer to the priority applications and to conform

the specification to U.S. patent practice.

Claims 3-15 are amended for clarification and to comport with U.S. claim style.

European style use claim 12 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the

subject matter thereof.

Accordingly, the claims pending and under consideration are claims 1-11 and 13-18.

Early favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance of claims 1-11 and 13-

18 be issued in this case.

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